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(CLOSING STATEMENTS)

SUMMARY: PLENARY, AS EXPECTED, IMMEDIATELY ADOPTED THE
CONCLUDING DOCUMENT BY CONSENSUS AND PROCEEDED TO ITEM
EIGHT -- CLOSING STATEMENTS -- OF THE AGENDA. REPRESENTATIVES

OF TEN COUNTRIES (EIGHT WESTERN AND NNA AND TWO EE) GAVE THEIR CLOSING STATEMENTS OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. ALL PRONOUNCED BELGRADE A SUCCESS, ALTHOUGH SOME DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE CZECH AND EAST GERMAN DELEGATIONS, CHARACTERIZED IT AS SUCCESSFUL FOR DIFFERENT REASONS FROM THAT OF WESTERN DELEGATIONS WHICH TERMED FAILURE TO ACHIEVE A BALANCED, SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT DISAPPOINTING. END SUMMARY.

1. IN GENERAL, WESTERN SPEAKERS, STARTING WITH THE US REP (AMB GOLDBERG), CHARACTERIZED BELGRADE A SUCCESS FOR CONDUCTING A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION; CONTINUING THE CSCE PROCESS BY SETTING THE DATE OF THE FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN MADRID; REAFFIRMING THE FINAL ACT; ESTABLISHING EXPERTS GROUPS; AND DISCUSSION OF NEW PROPOSALS. AMB GOLDBERG CALLED BELGRADE A SUCCESS FOR ESTABLISHING, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE PRINCIPLE THAT CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM AND INQUIRIES INTO INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING STATES IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RIGHTS IS A MATTER OF LEGITIMATE INTERNATIONAL CONCERN AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A COUNTRY (SEE SEPTTEL FOR TEXT). IN THIS VIEW, AMB GOLDBERG WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE NORWEGIAN, BELGIUM, IRISH, AUSTRIAN, AND SWEDISH REPS. THEY, LIKE AMB GOLDBERG, EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP REGRET THAT PROPOSALS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES DID NOT FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. THEY ALSO NOTED THE ATTENTION THEIR PUBLIC OPINIONS PAY TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL

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2. WESTERN AND NNA REPS ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE FAILURE OF CONFERENCE TO ADOPT NEW EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN THE FIELDS OF CBMS, ECONOMICS, HUMAN CONTACTS, AND DISARMAMENT FROM THE MANY PROPOSALS SUBMITTED. SPANISH REP TERMED THE ADHERENCE OF ALL THE PARTICIPATING STATES TO THE FINAL ACT, BELGRADE'S MOST IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, AGAINST THE "DANGER OF POLITICIZING HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION, BI-NATIONAL MARRIAGES, ETC." AND STATED THAT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE IN THE BASKET III AREA ONLY WHEN THE "DRAMA IS TAKEN OUT OF HUMAN RIGHTS" AND THESE SUBJECTS CEASED TO BE "POLEMICAL." SPANISH REP ALSO SAID THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE FRENCH DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY THE EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, WHICH IT WILL STUDY WITH GREAT INTEREST. HE ADDED THAT SPAIN WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE QUESTIONS OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND EXTENDING THE DIALOGUE WITH NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES AT MADRID. THE GREEK REP, PERHAPS IN AN INDERECT ALLUSION TO CYPRUS, SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS OPPOSED TO THE SELECTIVE INTERPRETATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FA. HE OPINED THAT

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THE FA THAT CAN NOT BE TREATED WITH TERRITORIAL SELECTIVITY.

3. THE SWEDISH, AUSTRIAN, AND NORWEGIAN REPS STRONGLY EXPRESSED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE CONFERENCE'S FAILURE TO TAKE STEPS IN THE FIELD OF CBMS AND NOTED NNA VALUABLE EFFORTS IN THAT AREA. SWEDISH AND NORWEGIAN REPS PLEDGED TO CONTINUE TO SEEK A UN ECE MEETING ON TRANS-BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION. AUSTRIAN REP PROMISED THAT HIS COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REALIZE THEIR PROPOSALS ON ENERGY, INLAND WATERWAYS, AND IMPROVING BUSINESS CONTACTS THROUGH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONTACTS. HE ALSO REGRETTEED THAT THE AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL ON HIGHLEVEL (MINISTERIAL) PARTICIPATION AT MADRID DID NOT ACHIEVE CONSENSUS. SWEDISH REP AFFIRMED HIS COUNTRY'S CONVICTION TO PURSUE CBMS EXPERTS GROUP MEETING AND BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC PROPOSALS. BELGIUM AND IRISH REPS, REFLECTING EC-9 CONSENSUS, ALSO STRONGLY REGRETTEED FAILURE TO ADOPT BASKET II PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ON TRADE, THAT DID NOT FIND THEIR WAY INTO CD.

4. CZECH AND GDR REPS REITERATED STANDARD SOVIET LEIT-MOTIFS AT BELGRADE CONFERENCE. THEY CALLED CONCLUDING DOCUMENT "POSITIVE AND FUTURE ORIENTED," DEPLORED FAILURE TO ADOPT BREZHNEV BASKET II HIGH LEVEL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE PROPOSALS AND SOVIET PLATFORM FOR MILITARY DETENTE; TERMED EMPHASIS OF SOME DELEGATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ONE-SIDED AND EQUATED IT WITH INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS; AND REPEATED STANDARD LINE THAT THOSE (WESTERN STATES, PARTICULARLY US) WHO SPEAK OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE NO MORAL AUTHORITY TO DO SO. CZECH AND GDR REPS CONTINUED TO CHARACTERIZE "HUMAN RIGHTS AS A MINOR MATTER" NOT IN THE SAME LEAGUE WITH "RIGHT TO LIFE", ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS; AND MILITARY DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT. THEY CALLED FOR POSITIVE ACTION IN ECONOMIC MATTERS, E.G. MFN, ELIMINATING TRADE DISCRIMINATION,

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AND LIBERALIZATION OF TRADE. BOTH THE CZECH AND GDR MENTIONED NEW WEAPONS AND MILITARY BUDGETS, WITH THE GDR SPECIFICALLY NAMING NEUTRON BOMB.

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